Madison School Community,

If you are not already aware, this afternoon Madison Middle School and Madison High School went into a soft lockdown at the direction of the Richland County Sheriff's Office (RCSO) as a result of law enforcement activity in the vicinity of the schools.

The law enforcement activity continued as both the middle school and high school were releasing for the day. In collaboration with the RCSO, both buildings were directed to dismiss all students who either rode a bus, drove to school, or were picked up by their parents as normal. Student walkers from the middle school were required to be picked up, while student walkers from the high school who lived on McElroy Rd., Evergreen Ave., or in the area around Madison City Trailer Park were also required to be picked up. Throughout dismissal at both buildings, a strong law enforcement presence was initiated out of an abundance of caution.

Prior to dismissal at the elementary buildings, McElroy Rd., Evergreen Ave., and the area around the Madison City Trailer Park were cleared by the RCSO. And, as a result, dismissal at each of the elementary buildings was executed as normal.

Please know that the safety of our students and their parents is our highest priority as we were in constant communication with the RCSO and worked collaboratively with them to ensure that our students were safe at all times while the RCSO conducted their work. I would like to thank our students, their parents/guardians, our staff, our administration, and the RCSO for all of your assistance and cooperation today.

Sincerely,

Rob Peterson
Superintendent